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## Note verbale dated 27 July 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations has the honour to attach herewith a letter dated 27 July 2011 from Hoshyar Zebari, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, regarding the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations has the further honour to request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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## Annex to the note verbale dated 27 July 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: Arabic]

I have the honour to convey to you the wish of the Government of Iraq that the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) should be extended for a further period of 12 months, in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, the latest of which is resolution 1936 (2010).

Thanks to their efforts in the previous year, the political blocs succeeded in forming a national partnership Government. This achievement came after prolonged consultations which affirmed their desire that power in Iraq should be transferred democratically and peacefully and in accordance with the Constitution. Political and diplomatic relations between Iraq, on the one hand, and Arab and foreign countries, on the other, flourished in that period, thereby validating the course of the political process in Iraq and giving the Government of Iraq greater credibility at the Arab, regional and international levels. United States troops will withdraw at the end of the current year, in accordance with the agreement concluded between Iraq and the United States in 2008 providing for the withdrawal of those troops and regularizing their temporary presence, and Iraqi security forces will assume full responsibility for maintaining security throughout the country. Over the coming period, Iraq will enhance its cooperation with the United States of America on the basis of the Strategic Framework Agreement concluded between the friendly countries in 2008. It will also enhance cooperation at the international level through a partnership and cooperation agreement with the European Union, which it hopes to initial in the near future. In the interest of the stability and development of Iraq, cooperation will cover all aspects of life under those agreements. Such cooperation will also have a positive impact on the entire region. The political changes and developments in the region known as the Arab Spring have confirmed the credibility of the political change that took place in Iraq in 2003. That the peoples of the region now aspire to the democratic system enjoyed by Iraq enhances the country's role in the Arab world and the region. Faced with these variables and developments, Iraq will require the support and assistance of UNAMI, in accordance with the mandate established for the Mission under the relevant Security Council resolutions.

The Government of Iraq, while reiterating its wish that the Mission's mandate should be extended in accordance with the letter and spirit of the conditions set out in Security Council resolution 1770 (2007), hopes that the provision of assistance will be in accordance with specific mechanisms and with the prior approval of the Government of Iraq, in the manner referred to in my letter dated 6 August 2007.

The Government of Iraq values the advice, support and assistance of UNAMI, and looks forward to a more positive, effective and constructive role for the Mission with the return to work in Iraq of the specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations.

(*Signed*) Hoshyar **Zebari**
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Republic of Iraq

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## United States of America: draft resolution

*The Security Council*,

*Recalling* all its previous relevant resolutions on Iraq, in particular 1500 (2003) of 14 August 2003, 1546 (2004) of 8 June 2004, 1557 (2004) of 12 August 2004, 1619 (2005) of 11 August 2005, 1700 (2006) of 10 August 2006, 1770 (2007) of 10 August 2007, 1830 (2008) of 7 August 2008, 1883 (2009) of 7 August 2009, and 1936 (2010) of 5 August 2010,

*Reaffirming* the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Iraq,

*Emphasizing* the importance of the stability and security of Iraq for the people of Iraq, the region, and the international community,

*Encouraging* the Government of Iraq to continue strengthening democracy and the rule of law, improving security and public order and combating terrorism and sectarian violence across the country, and *reiterating* its support to the people and the Government of Iraq in their efforts to build a secure, stable, federal, united and democratic nation, based on the rule of law and respect for human rights,

*Welcoming* improvements in the security situation in Iraq achieved through concerted political and security efforts and *stressing* that challenges to security in Iraq still exist and that improvements need to be sustained through meaningful political dialogue and national unity,

*Underscoring* the need for all communities in Iraq to participate in the political process and an inclusive political dialogue, to refrain from making statements and actions which could aggravate tensions, to reach a comprehensive solution on the distribution of resources, and to ensure stability and develop a just and fair solution for the nation's disputed internal boundaries and work towards national unity,

*Reaffirming* the importance of the United Nations, in particular the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), in advising, supporting and assisting the Iraqi people and Government to strengthen democratic institutions, advance inclusive political dialogue and national reconciliation, facilitate regional dialogue, develop processes acceptable to the Government of Iraq to resolve disputed internal boundaries, aid vulnerable groups including refugees and internally displaced persons, strengthen gender equality, promote the protection of human rights, and promote judicial and legal reform, and *emphasizing* the importance of the United



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Nations, in particular UNAMI, prioritizing advice, support, and assistance to the Iraqi people and Government to achieve these goals,

*Urging* the Government of Iraq to continue to promote and protect human rights and also to consider additional steps to support the Independent High Commission for Human Rights,

*Recognizing* the efforts of the Government of Iraq in the promotion and protection of the human rights of women and *reaffirming* its resolutions 1325 (2000), 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009), 1889 (2009) and 1960 (2010) on women, peace, and security and *reiterating* the need for the full, equal, and effective participation of women; *reaffirming* the key role women can play in re-establishing the fabric of society and *stressing* the need for their involvement in the development of national strategies in order to take into account their perspectives,

*Expressing* the importance of addressing humanitarian issues confronting the Iraqi people and *stressing* the need to continue to form a coordinated response and to provide adequate resources to address these issues,

*Underscoring* the sovereignty of the Government of Iraq, *reaffirming* that all parties should continue to take all feasible steps and to develop modalities to ensure the protection of affected civilians, including children, women and members of religious and ethnic minority groups, and should create conditions conducive to the voluntary, safe, dignified, and sustainable return of refugees and internally displaced persons or local integration of internally displaced persons, *welcoming* commitments and encouraging continued efforts of the Government of Iraq for the relief of internally displaced persons, refugees and returnees, and *noting* the important role of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, based on its mandate, in providing continued advice and support to the Government of Iraq, in coordination with UNAMI on these issues,

*Urging* all those concerned, as set forth in international humanitarian law, including the Geneva Conventions and the Hague Regulations, to allow full unimpeded access by humanitarian personnel to all people in need of assistance, and to make available, as far as possible, all necessary facilities for their operations, and to promote the safety, security, and freedom of movement of humanitarian personnel and United Nations and its associated personnel and their assets,

*Welcoming* the important progress Iraq has made towards regaining the international standing it held prior to the adoption of resolution 661 (1990), *calling* on the Government of Iraq to continue ongoing cooperation with the Government of Kuwait to address outstanding issues and to meet its outstanding obligations under the relevant Chapter VII Security Council resolutions pertaining to the situation between Iraq and Kuwait and *underscoring* the importance of ratification of the Additional Protocol to its Comprehensive Safeguard Agreement,

*Expressing* deep gratitude to all the United Nations staff in Iraq for their courageous and tireless efforts,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) for a period of twelve months;

2. *Decides further* that the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and UNAMI, at the request of the Government of Iraq, and taking into account the letter of from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iraq to the Secretary-General

(S/2011/464, annex), shall continue to pursue their mandate as stipulated in resolution 1936 (2010);

3. *Recognizes* that security of United Nations personnel is essential for UNAMI to carry out its work for the benefit of the people of Iraq and calls upon the Government of Iraq and other Member States to continue to provide security and logistical support to the United Nations presence in Iraq;

4. *Welcomes* the contributions of Member States in providing UNAMI with the financial, logistical, and security resources and support that it needs to fulfil its mission and calls upon Member States to continue to provide UNAMI with sufficient resources and support;

5. *Expresses* its intention to review the mandate of UNAMI in twelve months or sooner, if requested by the Government of Iraq;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council every four months on the progress made towards the fulfilment of all UNAMI's responsibilities; and

7. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.